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Serial No. 09/826,825

: Group Art Unit 2834

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**PETITION TO RESET PERIOD OF REPLY DUE TO
LATE RECEIPT OF OFFICE ACTION UNDER MPEP §710.06**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975**

Sir:

In the above-referenced application, an Office Action was received by the undersigned on January 15, 2002. The Action carries a mail date of December 5, 2001.

Accordingly, this Petition is being filed within two weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

A substantial portion of the reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt, i.e. one month and ten days have elapsed.

Accompanying this Petition is a copy of the Office Action having the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address stamped thereon.

The date of receipt of the Office Action is thus January 15, 2002, as established from the copy of the Office Action bearing the stamped date of receipt by the undersigned at the correspondence address, which is the undersigned's routine practice to indicate the date of receipt.

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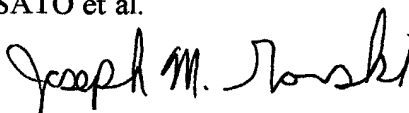
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Accordingly, applicants petition to restart the period of response from the date of receipt, i.e. January 15, 2002, in accordance with MPEP §710.06.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office Action Summary



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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 09/396,420, filed on September 15, 1999.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. **Claim 2** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 2, line 10, "3n" should be --3n₀-- and "when n" should be --when n₀--, line 11, "n" should be -- n₀--.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
5. **Claim 2** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Tajima et al (US 4,672,253)**.

Tajima et al. disclose in Figure 1, in column 2, lines 67-68, and in column 3, lines 1-3, invention as claimed: a permanent magnet motor having a stator 3, 4 with a plurality of stator

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teeth 51-53, and 61-63, and a rotor 2 being a cylindrical permanent magnet magnetized with a plurality of evenly disposed magnetic poles wherein the number of the magnetic poles $k=4$ being an even number not exceeding 100 and the number of stator teeth $n=6=3 \times (n_0=2)$ and wherein n_0 being a positive integer not exceeding 33, and k being not equal to n_0 .

Prior Art

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Communication

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Waks whose telephone number is (703) 308-1676. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm.
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor R Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-1341 for regular communications and (703) 305-1341 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.



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NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		DOCUMENT NO.		NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
	A	4,672,253	6/1987	Tajima et al.	310	269	
	B	4,739,203	4/1988	Miyao et al.	310	67R	
	C	4,745,312	5/1988	Nagasaka	310	49R	
	D	4,933,584	6/1990	Harms et al.	310	162	
	E	5,757,100	5/1998	Burgbacher	310	186	
	F	5,323,077	6/1994	Brandes	310	156	
	G	5,604,390	2/1997	Ackermann	310	156	
	H	5,289,064	2/1994	Sakamoto	310	49R	
	I	4,012,652	3/1977	Gilbert	310	162	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Joseph Waks

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* A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this office action.
(See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05(a).)